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DPD 0697-61

6 February 1961

MEMORANDUM FOR : Chief, Materiel Branch, Development Projects Division  
SUBJECT : Proposed Alterations of Air Section and Air Maintenance  
Section Space  
REFERENCE : Memorandum for AC/DPD from C/DPD/MAT, dated 30 January  
1961; Subject: "Alterations of Air Section and Air  
Maintenance Section Space" (DPD 0556-61)

1. Prior to receipt of the referenced document, I discussed the question of need for this facility with [REDACTED] Neither of us had any trouble in recognizing the propriety of the requirement, but I have become somewhat inured to our space problems for so long that anyone's needs become relative.

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2. I find the cost estimate of \$26,150 staggering. I assume this figure does not change in our favor once the title to the building here passes to GSA. I can sum my feelings up as follows:

a. I agree with your views that we should proceed slowly on obligating DPD funds for major alterations on this sort, since there seems to be no change in our direction which has us moving toward the new building next year.

b. In view of the potential acquisition of 4,000 square feet on the first floor of this building on or about 1 March, and considering the factor that to the best of my remembrance [REDACTED] there is space there that could be readily converted to an Air Section briefing room, I feel we should go down this path despite the obvious disadvantages of having the command structure split between two floors as the best temporary measure in light of paragraph 2. a. above.

c. Accordingly, as soon as possible would you let me have an idea of what would be involved in a minimal conversion of the first floor space for the purposes set forth above.

SIGNED  
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